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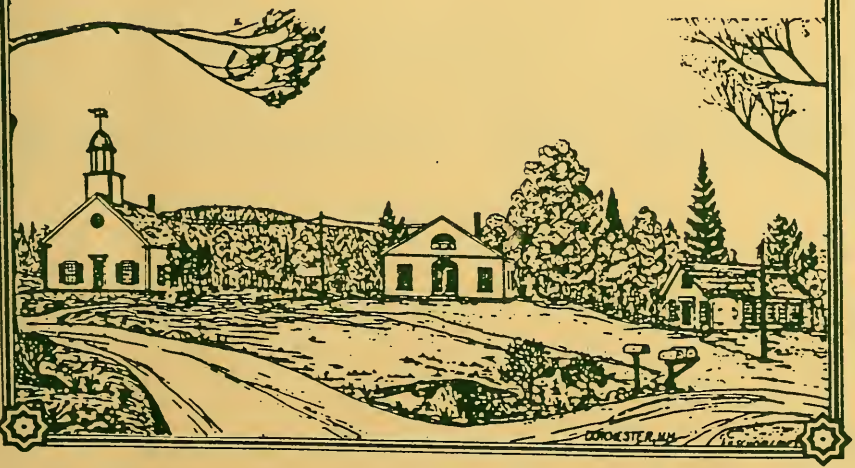

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, N.H.

Year Ended

December 31, 1999

Dedicated To The Memory Of

Nella H. Ashley

1916-1999

A tireless and dedicated worker,
who will be sorely missed by the residents
of her beloved Dorchester.

She served as:

Selectman: 1996 - April 24, 1999

Treasurer ~ Town Clerk ~ Supervisor of the Checklist
Library Trustee ~ Cemetery Committee
Historic District Commission

DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 1999

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David A. Morrill 2000 (C) Robert R. Estabrook 2001
Nella H. Ashley (to 5/99) - Andrew Houghton (5/99-3/00) 2000

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2000

TOWN TREASURER

Walter H. Morgan 2000
Christine Morgan, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Debra Ray 2000

TAX COLLECTOR

Delbert G. Pratt 2000
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2000

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Daniel Conkey

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Winslow Hallowell (to 7/99) Brian Howe 2002 Brenda Howe 2000

AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker 2000 Cindy Azotea 2000

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Christine Morgan 2005 Darlene Oaks 2002 Marilyn Pratt 2004

PLANNING BOARD

Linda Landry David Morrill, Slc. Rep. Walter H. Morgan
John A. Cote, Rep. Board of Adjustment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Larry Russeau

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robert Brown 2000 Wellman Wright 2000 Christine Morgan 2001

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Andrew Houghton

REPRESENTATIVES TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert R. Estabrook

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C) '99 Christine Morgan '99 Mary Morrissey 2000
Darlene Oaks Martha Walker '99

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Monique Perreault (to 1/00) - Vacant

REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL

Herbert Noel Ruby Noel

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen:	Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Phone: 786-9476
Town Clerk:	Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 3:30-6:00 p.m. Second & Fourth Sat. 9 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476
Tax Collector:	No set time/hours. Town House Road Phone: 523-7374 (Home)
Planning Board:	2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Office Phone 786-9476
Board of Adjustment:	As required. Selectmen's Office
Transfer Station:	Wednesday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Check for changes in Summer Hours (July 1 - Labor Day)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In any emergency, please call 911

FIRE:	**Canaan**	**911 - 448-1212**
	Rumney	**911 - 524-1545**
	Lyme	**911 - 643-3610**
F.A.S.T. Squad	**Canaan**	**911 - 448-1212**
POLICE:	**State Police**	**1-800-562-8236**
	State Police (F-Troop)	**1-271-1170**
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.		**1-800-552-0393**

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2000, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 18, 2000.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.

3. Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 80:80 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80 VI. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any such sale.

4. To see if the voters will ratify the acceptance of a deed of land located on Route 118, as donated to the town by the Philip B. Melody Trust of 1990, on such terms and conditions as is contained within the deed.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars ($18,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund	$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund	$10,000.00
Bridges Fund	$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund	$3,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) to pave with asphalt paving a portion of the North Dorchester Road, commencing at Walker's Hill and extending to School House Flat, a distance of 1,520 feet and requiring 4 culverts.

7. To see if the Town will vote to hire one (1) full time employee for the Road Department for a trial period of two (2) years. The entire salary amount, $18,000/yr. based on a 40 hr. week, will come from the Road Budget.

8. To see what the voters in the Town of Dorchester wish to do with regard to future Town Office space. This is a non-binding referendum.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum, which will not exceed, four thousand nine hundred dollars ($4,900.00) for the purpose of purchasing a steam cleaner with generator for the Town Highway Department.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-four thousand two hundred eighty-one dollars and forty-six cents ($164,281.46), to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 5,6, & 9)

11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of February 2000.

David A. Morrill

David A. Morrill

Robert R. Estabrook

Robert R. Estabrook

Andrew Houghton

Andrew Houghton
Selectmen, Town of Dorchester

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	'99 APPRO.	'99 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2000 RECOMMENDED
2	Officers' Salaries	$11,000.00	$10,240.17		$759.83	$10,500.00
3	Officers' Expenses	$15,000.00	$16,385.11	$1,385.11		$16,000.00
4	Election & Registration	$1,800.00	$813.93		$986.07	$1,600.00
5	General Govt. Buildings	$3,500.00	$3,407.52		$92.48	$3,500.00
6	Planning & Development	$400.00	$182.95		$217.05	$400.00
7	Property Appraisal	$750.00	$300.00		$450.00	$750.00
8	Legal Expenses	$7,500.00	$1,740.68		$5,759.32	$7,000.00
9	Regional Associations	$1,500.00	$946.00		$554.00	$1,500.00
10	Town Reports & Mailing	$1,200.00	$748.62		$451.38	$1,200.00
11	Timber Survey Fund	$800.00	$473.75		$326.25	$800.00
12	Cemeteries	$1,300.00	$1,300.00	----------	----------	$1,400.00
13	Contingency Fund	$1,000.00	$0.00			$1.00
15	PUBLIC SAFETY					
16	Forest Fire Protection	$1,000.00	$3,162.94	$2,162.94		$1,000.00
17	Fire Department Contracts	$19,000.00	$10,860.98		$8,139.02	$17,000.00
18	Police Department	$100.00	$0.00		$100.00	$100.00
19	Animal Control	$750.00	$294.38		$455.62	$750.00
20	911 & Emergency Mgt.	$1,000.00	$828.40		$171.60	$500.00
22	Highways, Streets, Bridges					
23	Town Maintenance	$55,000.00	$52,674.45		$2,325.55	$60,000.00
24	Highway Block Grant	$26,459.00	$26,459.00	estimated Block Grant Aid for 2000 - $27,047.44		
25	Warrant Article 8 New Truck	$62,308.00	$62,308.00			
26	Province Road Bridge Project		$2,134.06			

		'99 APPRO.	'99 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2000 RECOMMENDED
28	**SANITATION**					
29	Solid Waste Disposal	$12,500.00	$12,768.00	$268.00		$16,438.48
30	PBSW & NHRRA /Dues	$307.41	$307.41	----------		$695.87
32	**HEALTH**					
33	Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	----------		$2,500.00
34	Warrant Article #5 - Ambulance	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	----------		
35	VN & NH Visiting Nurses	$1,350.00	$1,350.00	----------		$1,350.00
36	Plymouth Task Force	$309.00	$309.00	----------		$320.00
37	Sr. Citizens Council	$540.00	$540.00	----------		$550.00
38	Plymouth Reg. Clinic	$300.00	$300.00	----------		$300.00
40	**WELFARE**					
41	General Assistance	$6,000.00	$1,482.17		$4,517.83	$5,000.00
42	(Includes CAP, Youth & Family Services, Welfare Directors Salary and Expenses)					
44	**DEBT SERVICE**					
45	Interest TA Loan	$2,000.00	$892.50		$1,107.39	$1,500.00
47	**MISCELLANEOUS**					
48	Insurance	$9,500.00	$8,396.84		$1,103.16	$9,500.00
49	NH Unemployment Comp.	$250.00	$100.45		$149.55	$126.11
50	Tax Refunds	$1,000.00	$1,159.63	$159.63		$2,000.00
51	TOTALS	$257,923.41	$233,232.88	TOTAL----------		$164,281.46
52						

		'99 APPRO.	'99 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2000 RECOMMENDED
52						
53						
54	SPECIAL APPRO.					
55	To Capital Reserves:					
56	Town Buildings	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	----------		$2,500.00
57	Highway Equipment	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	----------		$10,000.00
58	Bridges	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	----------		$2,500.00
59	Property Revaluation	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	----------		$3,000.00
60					TOTAL	$18,000.00
62	Article #5 Ambulance	$10,000.00	$10,000.00			
63	Article #8 New Truck	$62,308.00	$62,308.00			
64	Article #9 Renovation Town Office	$5,000.00	$0.00	This Appropriation is non lapsing until 12/31/0(		
65						
66	GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPRO					$164,281.46
67	SPECIAL APPRO.					$18,000.00
68	TOTAL APPRO.	$275,923.41	$246,232.88			$182,281.46
69						
70						
71						
72						

SOURCES OF REVENUES

SOURCE	'99 ESTIMATE	'99 ACTUAL	2000 ESTIMATE
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	$18,000.00	$29,601.33	$23,000.00
Interest & Penalties	$1,000.00	$4,759.41	$1,000.00
STATE OF NH			
Revenue Sharing	$15,000.00	$11,801.00	$10,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	$5,000.00	$7,285.00	$6,000.00
Highway Block Grant	$26,459.00	$26,459.00	$27,047.44
State Forest Land	$600.00	$547.00	$600.00
LICENSES & FEES			
Motor Vehicles	$28,000.00	$32,811.20	$28,000.00
Dog Licenses	$700.00	$524.50	$600.00
Permits & Filing Fees	$100.00	$266.50	$100.00
UCC Fees	$200.00	$240.33	$200.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Planning Board	$500.00	$706.42	$500.00
Insurance Div/Refunds	$0.00	$482.82	$150.00
Sale of Town Property	$700.00	$4,555.55	$700.00
From Capital Reserves	$67,000.00	$67,308.00	$0.00
Taxes Bought by Town		$20,192.67	
F.E.M.A. Payments		$29,691.47	
Interest on Deposits	$500.00	$1,369.95	$500.00
TOTAL	$163,759.00	$238,602.15	$98,397.44

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 27,137.72 acres	$7,694,021.00
Less Tax Exempt Land	$568,107.00
Net Taxable Land Value	$7,694,021.00
C.U. Valuation, 24,912.96	$1,054,493.00
Land (All Other), 2,224.76 acres	$6,639,528.00
Buildings (All)	$9,379,694.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings	$401,900.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation	$8,977,794.00
Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op	$632,378.00
Total Evaluation Before Exemption	$17,706,093.00
Elderly Exemptions	$31,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed	**$17,675,093.00**

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	$17,675,093.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$334,522.85
Less War Service Credit	$3,799.35
Net Property Tax Commitment	$330,723.50
Tax Rate per $1,000	**$18.89**

Municipal....$2.34 County....$1.59 Local School.....$7.91
State Education..... $7.05

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings	$94,000.00
Contents	$1,350.00
Selectmen's Office, Land & Buildings	$30,900.00
Contents	$5,000.00
Police Department Equipment	$100.00
Highway Department, Equipment & Materials	$171,500.00
Historical Museum	$12,400.00
Other Town Land	$37,029.00
Forest Fire Equipment	$1,000.00
TOTAL	**$353,279.00**

FINANCIAL REPORT
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1999

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand..... $31,128.37
Funds in custody of Treasurer.....$31,128.37
Unredeemed Taxes.....$75,750.06
Uncollected Taxes.....$93,153.05
Property Taxes..... $81,566.78
Yield Taxes.....$9,826.27
Land Use Change.....$1,760.00
Total Assets.....$200,031.48

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:
School Taxes Payable, January - June 2000.....$128,202.00
Total Liabilities..... $128,202.00

FUND BALANCE (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)....**$71,829.48**

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance, December 31, 1998..... $125,608.16
Fund Balance, December 31, 1999.....$71,829.48
Change in Financial Condition... -$53,778.68

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 1999

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 1999	$149,250.87
RECEIVED FROM:	
Tax Collector	$366,881.59
Town Clerk	$34,737.13
Selectmen	$421,696.01
TOTAL RECEIPT	$823,314.73
TOTAL AVAILABLE	$972,565.60
PAYMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN	$941,437.23
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1999	$31,128.37
PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK	$30,301.63
MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK	$826.74
TOTAL	$31,128.37

LAND USE REGULATION FUND:

On Hand, December 31,1998	$4,479.87
Received during 1999	$706.42
Interest	$58.82
Transferred to General Fund	$5,245.11
Balance	$0.00

1999 APPRO.FOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS (Mascoma Savings Bank)....$5,000.00

F.E.M.A.

Balance from Ice Storm of 1998	$14,822.86
Interest	$407.05
Paid Out	$15,229.91
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1999	$0.00
Balance from Flood of 1998	$28,920.14
Received 1999	$27,500.00
Interest	$127.33
Paid Out	$29,023.49
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1999 (Mascoma Savings Bank)	$27,500.00
Hurricane Floyd of 1999 (Pemigewasset National Bank)	$2,191.47

INSURANCE FUND

On Hand, December 31, 1998	$1,145.10
1999 Interest	$19.98
Balance on hand, December 31, 1999 (Mascoma Savings Bank)	$1,165.08

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

W. H. Morgan

WALTER H. MORGAN
TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.

Year Ending 12-31-99

Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Year: 1999		Prior
Property Taxes		$55,482.90
Land Use Change		$1,760.00
Yield Taxes		$900.36
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	$330,706.78	
Yield Taxes	$38,562.94	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		$4,462.19
Overpayment Property Taxes	$222.43	
TOTAL DEBITS	**$369,492.15**	**$62,605.45**

Remitted to treasurer during FY:		
Property Taxes	$243,791.50	$55,285.15
Yield Taxes	$29,601.33	$35.70
Interest	$297.22	$4,462.19
Abatements made	$5,890.97	$237.00
Uncollected Taxes, end of year:		
Property Taxes	$81,566.78	$0.00
Land Use Change	$0.00	$1,760.00
Yield Taxes	$8,961.61	$864.66
TOTAL CREDITS	**$370,104.41**	**$62,644.70**

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year	$82,302.85
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$20,192.67
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution	$7,554.38
TOTAL DEBITS	**$110,049.90**

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	$25,853.12
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	$7,554.38
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year	$75,750.06
TOTAL CREDITS	**$109,157.06**

Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1999

Cash on Hand 1/1/99	$100.00
Car Registrations - 484	$32,843.50
Title Fees + Copies	$266.50
Dog Licenses - 78	$524.50
UCC Filings	$240.33
Vital Statistics	$10.00
Marriages	$0.00
Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees)	$129.80
M.A.F.	$722.50

Total Remitted to Treasurer.....$34,737.13

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1999.....$100.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

January 27, 2000

Auditors Cindy Azotea

Marsha Walker

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year	$243,791.50
Interest	$297.22
Prior Years	$55,285.15
Interest	$4,462.19

Redeemed Taxes:

Lien Amount	$25,853.12
Costs and Interest	$7,554.38

Yield Taxes:

Current Year	$29,601.33
Prior Years	$35.70

State of NH:

Revenue Sharing	$11,801.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	$7,285.96
Highway Block Grant	$26,459.00
State Forest Land	$547.00

Motor Vehicles Fees	$32,843.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties	$524.50
Title Fees & Copies	$266.50
U.C.C. Filings	$240.33
Municipal Agent's Fee	$722.50
Fees/Penalties	$129.80
Vital Statistics	$10.00
Planning Board	$706.42
NHMA Insurance Trust Dividend	$482.82
Sale of Town Property	$4,555.55
From Capital Reserves	$67,308.00
State Education Property Tax Administration	$12,000.00
Taxes Bought by Town	$20,192.67
F.E.M.A. Payments Hurricane Floyd	$2,191.47
F.E.M.A. Reimbursement 1996 Flood	$27,500.00
Interest on Deposits	$1,369.95

Total Receipts for 1999	$823,314.73
Cash on hand January 1, 1999	$149,250.87
Cash Available for 1999	$972,565.60
Balance on hand, December 31, 1999	$31,128.37

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES..... $10,240.17

David A. Morrill, Selectman (Chairman)..... $1,385.24
Robert R. Estabrook, Selectman $1,385.24
Nella H. Ashley, Selectman (1/99-4/99)..... $461.75
Andrew Houghton, Selectman (6/99-12/99)..... $808.06
Walter H. Morgan, Treasurer..... $923.50
Christine M. Morgan, Dep. Treasurer..... $55.40
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector..... $1,385.24
Marilyn Pratt, Dep. Tax Collector..... $55.40
Martha J. Morrill, Town Clerk(1/99-3/99 Salary+Fees)... $385.30
Debra Ray, Town Clerk (4/99-12/99 Salary +Fees).... $2,266.04
Winslow Hallowell, Trustee of Trust Funds..... $46.17
Brenda Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds..... $46.17
Brian Howe, Trustee of Trust Fund..... $46.17
Martha L. Walker, Auditor..... $69.26
Cindy Azotea, Auditor..... $69.26
F.I.C.A..... $851.97

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES..... $16,385.11

Linda Landry, Sec/Bkkpr..... $8,848.97
Marima Belair, Sec/Bkkpr..... $531.94
David Borry,Consultant..... $27.70
F.I.C.A..... $1,464.37
Business Forms..... $235.72
Computer Services/Tax Bills..... $1,207.91
Deed/Mortgage Copies..... $285.88
Deed Searches..... $295.69
Legal Advertisements..... $118.32
Legal Books..... $484.34
Mileage..... $417.27
Postage..... $590.65
Printing..... $111.88
Supplies..... $974.72
Telephone/FAX..... $694.50
Workshops/Seminars..... $95.25

REGISTRATION & ELECTION..... $813.93

Brenda Howe, Ballot Clerk..... $96.49
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk..... $54.07
Henry Melanson, Moderator..... $64.20
Christine M. Morgan, Supervisor of Checklist..... $116.02
Darlene Oaks, Supervisor of Checklist..... $141.76
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist..... $151.46
F.I.C.A..... $83.10
Legal Notices..... $48.04
Supplies/Mileage/Postage..... $58.79

TOWN REPORTS OF 1998 ..... $748.62

Estabrook Printing..... $633.12
Postage..... $115.50

LAND USE BOARDS..... $182.95

Legal Advertisements..... $109.20
Subdivision Expenses/Postage..... $53.75
Upper Valley Regional Planning Comm..... $20.00

TOWN BUILDINGS..... $3,407.52

Ashland Lumber (Materials-Town Office)..... $383.86
Bell Atlantic (Town Hall)..... $361.30
David Borry (Grounds Maintenance)..... $29.56
Merle Burke (Painting-Town Office)..... $456.00
Leo Gravel (Carpentry-Town Office)..... $785.00
Johnson & Dix Gas (Town Hall)..... $173.10
David Morrill (Maintenance/Phone)..... $93.53
Timothy Morrill (Grounds Maintenance)..... $210.59
N.H. Electric Co-op..... $266.65
Ronald Stokowski (Grounds Maintenance)..... $23.55
Yeaton Oil Co. (Town Office)..... $477.38
Ira Young (Electrical-Town Office)..... $147.00

PROPERTY APPRAISAL..... $300.00

Phil Bodwell, DRA..... $300.00

FORESTER'S SERVICES..... $473.75

Brenda Brown, Registered Forester..... $473.75

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Protection..... $10,860.98

Town of Rumney Fire Dept..... $6,443.00
Town of Canaan Fire Dept..... $4,417.98

Forest Fire Dept. $3,162.94

(3) Nomex Shirts..... $135.66
Jay Legg, Warden (Grant)..... $663.91
George C. Conkey, Deputy (Grant)..... $69.36
Clark Hill Inc. (Grant)..... $60.00
Stop Payment on check..... $15.00
Bid Advertisements (Grant)..... $297.52
T.L.C. Tree & Crane Service (Grant)..... $1,800.00
F.I.C.A..... $121.49

Animal Control..... $294.38

Daniel Conkey..... $230.88
Grafton County Sheriffs' Department..... $63.50

LEGAL EXPENSES.....$1,740.68

Mitchell & Bates, PA..... $1,740.68

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES.....$141,446.45

Payroll/F.I.C.A.....$31,298.25
Town Maintenance.....$45,701.14
Liberty International Trucks.....$41,357.00
N.H. Municipal Equipment.....$20,951.00
Plates (New Truck)..... $5.00
Province Road Bridge Project..... $2,134.06

Includes: Highway Block Grant $26,459.00
Warrant Article #8 New Truck - $62,308.00

PROVINCE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT..... $25,437.80

Bayview Construction.....$19,520.00
Bid Advertisements.....$249.81
Central Metal Recycling (removal of old bridge)..... $150.00
F.C. Hammond (Gravel).....$214.99
Ireland Lumber (Bridge Planks)..... $1,110.00
Isaacson Steel Inc..... $3,884.82
Legg's Logs (Grading-Hurricane Floyd).....$275.00
Materials (Spikes).....$33.18

Includes: Yankee Forest Products..... $3,000.00
F.E.M.A. Ice Storm.....$15,053.89
Land Use Fund..... $5,249.85
Road Budget..... $2,134.06

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL..... $13,175.41

Town of Rumney, Transfer Station.....$12,768.00
Dues to PBSWD & NHRRA..... $307.41
Plymouth Village Water & Sewage District.....$100.00

DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....$1,300.00

HEALTH..... $14,999.00

Canaan F.A.S.T. Inc. (Article #5-Ambulance).....$10,000.00
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad..... $2,500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.....$540.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic..... $300.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vt & NH..... $1,350.00
Task Force Against Domestic Violence.....$309.00

WELFARE.....$1,482.17

General Assistance.....$362.57
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director.....$554.10
Expenses..... $15.50
Tri-County Assistance (CAP).....$300.00
PB Youth & Family Services.....$250.00

F.E.M.A. $88,294.90

Funds removed from General Funds to separate F.E.M.A. Account $43,743.00

R.Remacle Construction (Flood-Streeter)..... $29,020.24
Saulnier Concrete (Flood-Streeter)..... $881.50
Blaktop Inc. (Flood-Streeter)..... $14,559.16
F.C.Hammond - Gravel (Flood-Streeter)..... $91.00

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS..... $946.00

N.H. Assessing Officials' Dues..... $20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks' Dues..... $20.00
N.H. Health Officers' Dues..... $10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Dues..... $500.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Dues..... $20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Planning..... $376.00

INSURANCE..... $8,497.29

Liberty Mutual Insurance (Workman's Comp.).. $4,931.00
N.H.M.A. Prop./Liab. Insurance..... $3,182.00
N.H. Compensation Funds..... $100.45
N.H. Municipal Health Trust (C.O.B.R.A.)..... $283.84

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN..... $20,192.67

TAX REFUNDS..... $1,159.63

GRAFTON COUNTY TAX..... $29,418.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE..... $213.50

N.H. Animal Population Control..... $207.50
Treasurer, State of N.H..... $6.00

TO CAPITAL RESERVES..... $13,000.00

Town Building Fund..... $2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund..... $5,000.00
Bridges Fund..... $2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund..... $3,000.00

MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT..... $294,848.40

DEBT SERVICE..... $55,892.50

Tax Anticipation Loan..... $55,000.00
T.A. Loan Interest..... $892.50

E911 & Emergency Management $828.40

Prison Industries-State of NH (signs)..... $737.44
Mileage..... $83.21
Postage..... $3.98
A.M. Rand Company (screws)..... $3.77

TAX LIENS EXPENSES..... $378.08

Mitchell & Bates,PA (Legal).....$197.50
Recording Tax Liens.....$86.88
Tax Collector (expenses)..... $58.01
Canaan Hardware (signs)..... $35.69

EDUCATION TAX IMPLEMENTATION..... $289.63

Linda Landry, Sec./Bkkpr.....$138.52
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector.....$46.17
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy Tax Collector..... $46.17
David Morrill, Selectman..... $9.23
Robert R. Estabrook, Selectman..... $9.23
Andrew Houghton, Selectman.....$4.62
Supplies..... $35.69

Includes: State of NH (Tax Implementation).....$12,000.00

F.E.M.A. FUNDS TO SEPARATE ACCOUNT..... $27,500.00
RENOVATION FUNDS (Art. #9 non lapsing).....$5,000.00
TOWN OF RUMNEY WASTE OIL BURNER GRANT.....$2,500.00
REIMBURSEMENT TO LAND USE FUND.....$2,000.00

PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.....$795,276.80

Receipts January 1, 1999 thru December 31, 1999.....$823,314.73
Cash On Hand, January 1, 1999.....$149,250.87
Cash Available.....$972,565.60
Disbursements, January 1, 1999 thru December 31, 1999..... .....$795,276.80
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1999..... .....$31,128.37

General Fund.....$31,128.37
F.E.M.A.....$29,691.47
Flood 1998..... $27,500.00
Hurricane Floyd 1999..... $2,191.47
Non lapsing Office Renovation Fund..... $5,000.00
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1999..... .....$31,128.37

1999 ROADS MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL.....$31,298.25

George C. Conkey, II Road Agent.....$19,151.90
David Borry.....$1,625.36
Charles Coleman.....$121.89
Daniel Conkey.....$1,063.87
Raymond Conkey.....$310.30
John Phinney.....$1,167.29
Clarence L. Poitras, Jr.....$2,849.93
William Shortt.....$31.40
Ronald Stokowski.....$768.28
Norman Waldron.....$125.59
F.I.C.A.....$4,082.44

SUB-CONTRACTORS.....$1,117.16

Blodgett Septic.....$452.16
Carl Matthews Equipment.....$665.00

MOTOR FUEL.....$2,955.12

Becket Automotive.....$58.00
Shortt's Garage.....$100.72
Yeaton Oil Co. Inc.....$2,796.40

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSE (Old Truck)...$2,587.85

Canaan Hardware.....$113.42
George C. Conkey, II.....$ 5.66
Clifford C. Dyer.....$655.00
Kibby Equipment.....$712.65
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....$396.50
A.M. Rand Co.....$37.78
Sabil & Sons.....$575.90
Sanel Auto Parts.....$90.94

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSE (New Truck)...$2,223.09

Big A Auto Parts.....$64.17
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....$1,885.40
P.T.R. Lettering.....$150.00
A.M. Rand Co.....$12.35
Sanel Auto Parts Co.....$101.17
Shortt's Garage.....$10.00

GMC 1/2 TON TRUCK EXPENSES..... $12,768.19

Big A Auto Parts.....$39.93
G.M.A.C. Buy/Lease..... $9,659.52
Hawkensen Co. Inc.....$122.36
Kibby Equipment Inc.....$89.50
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....$1,046.75
Northern States Tire Inc.....$784.58
P.T.R. Lettering.....$150.00
A.M. Rand.....$10.68
Rheinhardt Motors..... $495.68
Sanel Auto Parts..... $151.23
William Shortt..... $70.00
Shortt's Garage..... $41.80
Small Engine Technology.....$26.45
Wilson Tire Inc.....$79.71

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES..... $4,583.78

Adam, McNichol & Melen, Inc.....$350.00
AT&T.....$128.84
Bell Atlantic.....$415.88
Big A Auto Parts.....$108.86
Lloyd W. Bixby.....$500.00
Canaan Hardware..... $258.02
George C. Conkey, II..... $29.55
Bill Dyer.....$38.00
Hawkensen.....$18.35
Kibby Equipment..... $142.19
C.R. McLoud & Sons.....$23.90
N.H. Electric Co-op.....$1,040.50
Pattee Hill Distributors.....$68.28
The Pennysaver.....$121.20
A.M. Rand Co.....$308.68
Red Hed Supply Inc.....$389.48
Rental Center..... $62.70
Ryezak.....$7.50
Sanel Auto Parts..... $218.75
Work Safe.....$153.12
Yeaton Agway Services.....$199.98

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS..... $15,096.56

Cargill Inc.....$957.21
Granite State Minerals..... $1,069.29
F.C. Hammond & Son.....$182.00
Red Hed Supply.....$566.06
R. Remacle Construction.....$3,385.00
Warren Sand & Gravel Inc.....$8,937.00

OTHER EQUIPMENT EXPENSE.....$4,369.39

Big A Auto Parts.....$1.78
Canaan Hardware.....$15.24
C.R. McLoud & Sons.....$454.95
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....$20.45
Northern State Tire.....$167.51
A.M. Rand.....$14.60
Sanel Auto Parts.....$101.02
Small Engine Technology.....$157.50
Shortt's' Garage.....$71.95
Townline Equipment.....$3,436.34

1999 ROADS MONEY DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

PAYROLL.....$31,298.25
SUB-CONTRACTORS.....$1,117.16
MOTOR FUEL.....$2,955.12
TRUCK EXPENSES - Old International.....$2,587.85
TRUCK EXPENSES - New International.....$2,223.09
TRUCK EXPENSES - GMC.....$12,768.19
OTHER EQUIPMENT - Loader.....$3,605.63
OTHER EQUIPMENT.....$763.76
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.....$15,096.56
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.....$4,583.78
TOTAL.....$76,999.39

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$254.91
Interest 1999	$9.05
Balance, 12/31/99	$263.96

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$778.97
Interest 1999	$27.68
Balance, 12/31/99	$806.65

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$1,297.47
Interest 1999	$46.14
Balance, 12/31/99	$1,343.61

J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$186.17
Interest 1999	$6.62
Balance, 12/31/99	$192.79

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$326.49
Interest 1999	$11.67
Balance, 12/31/99	$338.16

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$2,051.45
Interest 1999	$72.94
Balance, 12/31/99	$2,124.39

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$33,993.66
New Funds 1999	$2,500.00
Expended 1999	$5,000.00
Interest 1999	$1,571.97
Balance, 12/31/99	$33,065.63

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$66,670.61
New Funds 1999	$5,000.00
Expended 1999	$62,308.00
Interest 1999	$1,881.07
Balance, 12/31/99	$11,243.68

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$15,806.45
New Funds 1999	$2,500.00
Expended 1999	$0.00
Interest 1999	$807.35
Balance, 12/31/99	$19,113.80

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance, 12/31/98	$13,723.75
New Funds 1999	$3,000.00
Expended 1999	$0.00
Interest 1999	$729.46
Balance, 12/31/99	$17,453.21

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda A. Howe
Brian A. Howe
Trustees of Trust Funds

Emergency Management Director's Report

There is much to report this year and I will try to update the citizens of Dorchester with the following reports:

Ice Storm - January 1998

Paid To:	Date	Project	Amount
Albert L. Clogston	1/5/98	5 hours - Skidder	$200.00
Larry H. Walker	2/12/98	39 hours/O.T - Clearing Debris	$592.50
John J. Black	2/12/98	Clearing Debris-N.Dorchester Rd.	$4,095.00
Edward Morrill	2/12/98	Bryant Pond Road	$1,491.20
		(Landowners Paid 12.5%)	
Edward Morrill	2/26/98	Clearing Debris -Bryant Pd. Rd.	$591.15
		(no cost to town)	
Road Crew	January clean-up-Paid from General Fund		$598.50
	Equipment Costs-Trucks, Backhoe		$622.50
	Town Materials Used		$310.29
		TOTAL Spent as of 3/12/98	$8,501.14
	RECEIVED FROM FEMA 3/12/98		$36,378.00
	BALANCE ON HAND 3/12/98		$27,876.86
Mike Murphy	5/21/98	Clearing Debris-Dorchester Cem.	$407.50
F.I.C.A.			$31.17
David Morrill	6/2/98	Clearing Debris-Town House Cem.	$22.50
F.I.C.A			$1.72
B.C.Chipping	7/30/98	Chipping Roadside Debris	$12,500.00
		TOTAL SPENT	$12,962.89
	BALANCE ON HAND 9/30/98		$14,822.86
		INTEREST 1999	$231.03
		BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/99	$15,053.89
PROVINCE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT-------			$15,053.89
		BALANCE 12/31/99	$0.00

Flood June 28, 1998

	Emergency Repairs June/July		
Paid To	Date	Project	Amount
Larry Walker		Flood Repairs	$590.00
David Carter		Flood Repairs	$135.00
Gary Walker		Flood Repairs	$48.00
		Total	$773.00
Larry Walker	7/30/98	O.T. Paid by FEMA	$595.13
F.I.C.A.			$45.53
R.Remacle Const	7/30/98	Streeter Woods Road	$4,859.00
		Total Spent as of 7/3098	$6,272.66
	RECEIVED FROM FEMA 9/15/98		$36,768.00
		(Fed. Flood Money 50% Share)	
		Balance on Hand 9/15/98	$30,495.34
D.R.E.D.	9/24/98	Permit-Dredge and Fill	$50.00
A.N. Lultala	10/8/98	Engineer Design-Streeter Rd. Pro.	$513.00
David Morrill	11/5/98	Removal of Trees/Brush - Streeter	$96.00
F.I.C.A.			$7.34
Bob Dillion	11/5/98	Removal of Trees/Brush - Streeter	$96.00
F.I.C.A.			$7.34
		Balance on Hand 11/5/98	$29,725.66
		RECEIVED FROM STATE	$5,830.00
		Balance on Hand 12/1/98	$35,555.66
Pemi. Bank		F.I.C.A.	$29.39
JAF Ind. Inc.	12/3/98	Culverts-Streeter Rd Project	$5,458.08
David Morrill	12/3/98	Moving Culvert from Streeter Pro.	$36.94
Saulnier Concrete	12/3/98	Concrete Headers-Streeter Pro.	$1,105.00
Pemi. Bank		F.I.C.A.	$6.12
	BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/98		$28,920.00
		RECEIVED FROM STATE	$1,120.00
		(Oct. 1996 Flood)	

F.E.M.A. Project "Ice Storm - January 1998"

Complete

F.E.M.A. Project "Flood - June 1998"

This project has been on going in 1999. For 1999 expenditures, see Section: Detailed Report of Payments - FEMA/Flood-Streeter. The Town received $27,500.00, the balance of its F.E.M.A. Flood funds, in October. This has been set aside in a separate account for the completion of the Streeter Woods Road Project this coming year. Projects planned for this year include:

*Sealing the new portion of pavement repairs completed last summer.
* Installation of guard rails where needed.

F.E.M.A. Project "Hurricane Floyd - September 1999"

Dorchester received damage at two (2) sites. Site 1: Streeter Woods Road at the Intersection of Bickford Woods Road and Town Line Pond Road both areas required shoulder and road surface repair as well as ditch work. Site 2: Province Road required the reshaping of the road surface and ditches leading to the Province Road Bridge and the replacement of lost gravel. Road Agent, George C. Conkey, II, was able to accomplish most repairs using Town equipment and a rented bulldozer. F.E.M.A. Funds in the amount of $2,191.47 were received in December. Projects to be completed include:

* Grading Town Line Pond Road
* Up grading the rip-rap rock wall with larger and better material on Streeter Woods Road.

I hope people realize how much work was done in order for all this F.E.M.A. money to be used to upgrade town roads and bridges. These natural disasters would have put your taxes through the roof if not for the teamwork that took place between the Selectmen, Road Agent, and F.E.M.A. State and Federal officials.

David A. Morrill
Emergency Management Director
Town of Dorchester

Road Projects 1999

Province Road Bridge Project

We are pleased to announce the completion of the Province Road Bridge. The Town of Dorchester received a donation of $3,000.00 from Yankee Forest Products, which was used to purchase new steel for the bridge. Thank you, Yankee Forest Products! Gregory M. Cook also donated $1,000.00 to offset bridge costs. Thank you, Mr. Cook!

For a more detailed expenditure report; please refer to Detailed Report of Payments-Province Road Bridge Project.

What is planned for next year?

* Completion of the Streeter Woods Road Project
* Rebuild two different sections of the North Dorchester Road.
  (one section is described in your Town Warrant. We wish to add $10,000.00 to the Road moneys we already have to enable the town to complete that section this summer, if the Town's people are willing to support such a project.)
* Sealing of other sections of paved roads in Dorchester.
* Regular upgrading of Town roads and ditches.

In general, we have all been busy, but satisfied with the progress, teamwork, and donations that have made this year, a record year of progress. Thank you, citizens of Dorchester!

The Dorchester Selectmen

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 fire season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

	Numbers	Acres
Hillsborough	271	50
Rockingham	218	111
Merrimack	213	115
Belknap	139	66
Cheshire	131	28
Strafford	98	26
Carrol	81	17
Grafton	70	18
Sullivan	62	17
Coos	18	3.25

CAUSES OF FIRES

Debris Burning	352
Miscellaneous*	279
Smoking	188
Children	176
Campfire	161
Arson/Suspicious	54
Equipment Use	43
Lightning	42
Railroad	6

*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)

	TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL ACRES
1999	1,301	452.28
1998	798	442.86

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger

Jay Legg, Forest Fire Warden

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County

P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 1999, **26** older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

* Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed **637** balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.

* They received **5** hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.

* Dorchester residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on **430** occasions by our lift-equipped buses.

* They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through **1** visit by a trained social worker.

* Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through **455** hours of volunteer service

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester residents in 1999 was **$7,073.00.**

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community - based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204

TRI-COUNTY
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570
1-800-552-4617

Community Contact has provided services for 50 of Dorchester's citizens, processed 20 fuel assistance applications, 8 being elderly and 9 handicapped, and provided 247 other Community Action Program services. We assisted one Dorchester family with budget counseling and provided numerous information and referral resources in the areas of housing, energy, nutrition, education, legal, health and related services.

Tri-County Community Action has spent $5,780.00 on Dorchester citizens between July 1, 1998 and July 30, 1999. This figure represents Fuel Assistance.

Community Contact provides necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities county-wide. The local funds are combined with the community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance and NH Emergency Shelter Grant, Homeless Programs and FEMA. We also are the conduit through which the USDA Surplus Food gets distributed to the food pantries throughout Grafton County in order to serve our residents.

We have greatly appreciated the Town of Dorchester's support and cooperation in the past and look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 53
Plymouth, N.H. 03264
Crises Line (603) 532-1659
Office: (603) 536-3423

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During fiscal year 1999, your contribution helped the 338 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 34 women and children that were housed at the Task Force shelter a total of 715 bednights. This past year, the Child Advocacy Program of the Task Force also provided services to 60 child victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and made presentations at area schools that reached 342 middle and high school students and 38 school staff members. The following Task Force services continue to be provided free of charge.

*24-hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers.

*Confidential emergency shelter, food, and transportation for victims of domestic violence.

*Support groups for domestic violence survivors.

*Hospital and police accompaniment. Court, housing, and social service advocacy.

*Children's support group to learn creative conflict resolution skills and increase self-esteem.

*Training programs for volunteer, law enforcement and other professionals working with victims of domestic violence.

*Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, church groups, and social service agencies.

*Walk-in office available at Whole Village Family Resource Center where victims can receive information and support.

Serving the Towns of: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.
1999 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council is an organization dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches that support the development of healthy youths and their families. The Council currently coordinates five programs that are available to people in Eastern Grafton County:

1. Juvenile Court Diversion - a voluntary program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions. Volunteers from the community develop a contract with each youth and family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the youths who graduated from Diversion in 1996 through 1998, 92% have not committed a subsequent offense since, saving tens of thousands of dollars in court-ordered services.

2. Plymouth District Court Community Service Program - coordinates and tracks youths through productive community service projects in their own home towns.

3. The OPTIONS Program - a 12-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Of all the youths who successfully completed the program in 1996 through 1998, not one, 0% has re-offended.

4. OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol & Other Drugs) - offered in cooperation with local police departments and Plymouth State College, OCTAA provides an effective educational opportunity for anyone ages 18+. This is also a lifetime risk-reduction program on the use and abuse of drugs, and is self-funded.

5. Information and Referral - provides area residents with a clearing house of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People calling the Pemi-Baker Resource Line (collaborative program with Speare Hospital and the Whole Village) can receive free and confidential assistance on how to access these resources. Callers ask how to report child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council will distribute over 3,000 comprehensive *Grafton County Resource Guides* in 2000 to help towns, police, schools and other human service providers find services for the people they work with.

Total service figures for the Council are as follows:

	1998	1999
Juvenile Court Diversion	52	49
OPTIONS Program	42	46
Grafton County Resource Guides	2000	3000
Information and Referral	208	483
OCTAA (no summer course)	96	139

RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR DISTRICT ONE

State of New Hampshire
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It is a pleasure to report to you as one of your elected officials serving on the five-member Executive Council within the Executive Branch of your NH State Government. This five-member elected group acts much like a board of directors for your very large NH State Government, carrying out the law and budget as passed by the NH House & Senate and signed into law by the Governor. We also act upon gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of your Government, State Supreme Court, Superior Court, Probate Court, District Court all are nominated by the Governor, a posted public hearing must be held by the Council and then a vote to deny or confirm the nomination is held. Persons interested in serving on a volunteer board of commission should contact Kathy Goode at the Governor's Office, 271-2121.

All of your New Hampshire State Government can be accessed by the general **phone number at 271-1110** and through the State Webster Internet **http://www.state.nh.us**. Your New Hampshire Government is at your service, please call my office anytime I can be of help. **(271-3632 and e-mail: rburton@gov.state.nh.us)**

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
1999 ANNUAL REPORT

The upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 26 New Hampshire and 3 Vermont communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental, and social growth throughout the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans, and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), reviews of local development applications, mapping, community development, grantsmanship, and grant administration. In addition, ongoing regional initiatives, such as our regional transportation planning program and household hazardous waste collections, and special regional projects, including the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, the Cold River watershed planning study, the Connecticut River boater education project, and the community-based inventory of cultural and natural resources were undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the Region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and other nonprofit organizations.

In 1999, some examples of our work specifically for the Town of Dorchester included:

* **Continued work with local groups in town to finalize a list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commision.**

* **Produced a map of SAU 62 towns to assist with school bus routing.**

* **Conducted thorough review of land use ordinance and provided extensive comments and recommendations.**

Our Commission appreciates Dorchester's participation and support, and we look forward to serving the community in the coming year.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER

Continual changes in our nation's health-care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies, such as our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Dorchester provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families-at-risk:

*Town funds help provide care for people who require necessary services but are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.

*Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community--people of all ages and all economic means use our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch.

*Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.

*Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

The Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provided the following services in the Town of Dorchester during the past year:

Skilled Nursing	**38**	**WIC Clients**	**8**
Physical Therapy	**31**	**WIC Clinic Visits**	**18**
Occupational Therapy	**2**	Family Support Services	
Medical Social Worker	**1**	**Families**	**2**
Homemaker	**18**	**Individuals**	**5**
Home Health Aide	**162**	**Home Visits**	**67**
TOTAL VISITS	**252**		

On behalf of people we serve in your community, thanks for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth J. David, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

Whole Village Family Resource Center

258 Highland Street
Plymouth, N.H. 03264

The Whole Village Family Resource Center is comprised of sixteen health and social service agencies committed to collaborating together to provide families and individuals from the 17 towns of the Plymouth District Court Area, as well as New Hampton and Sandwich, with better, more comprehensive services. Despite this common goal, it must be recognized that these are all autonomous organizations, each with its own governing body, budget and funding initiatives. All the agencies have unique and invaluable strengths on their own, but by combining efforts with other whole village agencies many new possibilities for innovative and integrated service provision have been, and continue to be, created.

The Whole Village Parent-Child Program is a prevention-based program, which provides support to families and educates parents to meet the challenges of raising safe, healthy children who will thrive. Parent-Child has two tiers of support for families with children ages five and under. The first level, providing more intensive family support, has a special emphasis on equipping very young parents for their responsibilities as parents, providers, and positive role models for their children. The second level of family support is provided in varying degrees for all others raising children ages 0 to five. The program enlists the expertise of staff within each of the agencies to benefit all families.

Of the 242 families who accessed Parent-Child services in 1999, one was from Dorchester.

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
GRAFTON COUNTY
1999 ANNUAL REPORT

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

* Dairy and Pasture Management
* Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
* Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
* Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting and Family Financial Management
* Positive Youth Development
* Water Quality Education
* Family Life skills Program (LEAP/LIFT)
* After-School Programs

The Extension Staff of seven works out of North Haverhill but we travel to all areas of the county. Three other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4-H Clubs, and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three.

Here are some ways that local residents benefited from the work of Cooperative Extension. Residents receive a bimonthly newsletter highlighting upcoming events as well and looking at some of the research that affects individuals, families and communities. Parents receive our aged-paced newsletters, Cradle Crier and Toddler Tales, that chronicle the early years of a child's life. Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the amount of fertilizers being applied to local farm lands, thereby reducing the chance of runoff into local streams, rivers or water supplies. Forest management plans help local landowners and those employed in the forest industry preserve the beauty of our local woodlands that draw thousands of tourists to our area. Youth across the county work with adult volunteers learning important life skills through our

4-H program. An after-school project in North Haverhill is being evaluated by UNH professors. The information from this project will help to improve other local after-school programs. Walter Quality events around the county allow residents an opportunity to learn how they can help keep their water clean and how agencies across the state are working toward that goal. Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for our young children. Cooperative Extension staff serve as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county. Homeowners concerned about their plants, trees and grounds get quick identification and control guidelines. Communities interested in improved decision making, receive support from Cooperative Extension. Agriculture businesses receive help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and diversification.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

You can reach us: by phone--(603) 787-6944; FAX--(603) 787-2009; email grafton@unhce.unh.edu. at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site http://ceinfo.unh.edu.

We believe that our job is to provide residents of your community and Grafton County with the education and information they need to make informed decisions to strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

1999 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

A big maple tree had to be removed from *Cheever Cemetery* , as large branches were falling from it. The *Blodgett Cemetery* was cleared of brush by volunteers this year.

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	$1,300.00
Bank Interest	$10.18
Sale of Cemetery lot (Christopher & Selden Illick)	$250.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/98	$355.90
TOTAL	**$1,916.08**

Payments:

Dorchester Cemetery	$386.75
Town House Cemetery	$114.75
Cheever Cemetery	$145.00
North Dorchester Cemetery	$182.00
Richard Johnson (*Cheever Cemetery* tree removal)	$350.00
American Legion Post 76 (flags)	$30.00
Bank Service Charges	$60.00
1998 SS & Medicare Taxes	$23.30
	$1,291.80
1/13/00 SS & Medicare Taxes-1999 (Full amount of taxes $126.75)	$63.38
TOTAL	**$1,355.18**

Balance on Hand for 2000 $560.90

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS
DORCHESTER, N.H.

BIRTHS

Place	Date	Name	Parents
Lebanon, N.H.	05-29-99	Gregory Andrew Houghton	Elizabeth Houghton Andrew Houghton
Lebanon, N.H.	08-29-99	Samantha Jo Farrell	Sherri Farrell Donald Farrell
Lebanon, N.H.	12-23-99	Tyler James Bill	Lisa Bill Clifton Bill

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom/Bride	Residence
06-20-99	Joseph Schmidl Maryann Oakley	Hollis, N.H. Dorchester, N.H

DEATHS

Name	Date	Place	Parents
Nella H. Ashley	04-24-99	Plymouth, N.H	Unknown

Summary of 1999 First and Second Deliberative Sessions and Elections

The Town of Dorchester's First Deliberative Session met at the Town Hall on Saturday the 6th of February, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. to determine whether Warrant Articles would appear on the Ballot as written or as amended. The meeting took approximately one hour and a half.

The Second Deliberative Session and Elections was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 9th of March, 1999 from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Number of voters on the checklist: 218

Number of voters who voted: 93

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of election as follows:

Selectman for 3 years - Nella H. Ashley
Treasurer for 1 year - Walter H. Morgan
Tax Collector for 1 year - Delbert Pratt
Town Clerk for 1 year - Debra Ray
Road Agent for 1 year - George C. Conkey, II
Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years - Brian A. Howe
Auditors for 1 year - Martha L. Walker and Cindy Azotea
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years - Christine M. Morgan
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years - Martha L. Walker

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article PASSED

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80VI. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any sale. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article PASSED

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....$5,000.00
Bridges Fund.....$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....$3,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article PASSED

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for a donation to Canaan F.A.S.T., Inc. to help defray the cost of a new ambulance.

Article PASSED

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 674:46-a,V to authorize the Historic District Commission to assume the powers and duties of a heritage commission. If adopted, this article will authorize the Historic District Commission to exercise the power described under RSA 674:44-b, including but not limited to, the authority to receive gifts of money and property, both real and personal, in the name of the town, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such gifts to be managed and controlled by the Historic District Commission for its proper purposes.

Article PASSED

Article 7. To see if the Town of Dorchester shall vote to repeal the Senate Bill #2 method of voting on the affairs of the Town of Dorchester and return to the Town Meeting process of deliberation and voting on town affairs.

Article PASSED

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, sixty-two thousand three hundred eight dollars ($62,308.00) for the purchase of a new town dump truck, to replace the old International Dump Truck now in use, the entire amount to be withdrawn from the capital reserve Highway Equipment Fund.

(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article PASSED

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for the purpose of repairs and construction of a Handicapped access and toilet facilities at the Town Office, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the capital reserve Town Building Fund. This appropriation will be non lapsing until December 31, 2000.

(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article PASSED

Article 10. Shall the Town of Dorchester raise and appropriate an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one hundred fifty-none thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars forty-one cents ($159,156.41) to defray town charges? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one hundred eighty-two thousand five hundred twenty-four dollars and eight cents ($182,524.08), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Dorchester or by law or governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:14,X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article PASSED

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

FIRE: Canaan - 448-1212
Rumney- 524-1545
Lyme - 643-3610

F.A.S.T. SQUAD: 448-1212

POLICE: State Police - 1-800-562-8236
State Police - (F-Troop) 271-1170
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.-1-800-552-0393

Dorchester Highway Department
786-2385

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Route 118
Dorchester, NH 03266

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